



MICHIGAN  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Military and Veteran Affairs

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017                      12:00 Noon                      Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 21, 2017 as printed.

**Representative Elder moved to adopt the minutes of February 21, 2017, as printed.**  
**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4048.

**HB 4048 (Graves)**                      Veterans; veterans' homes; employment preference at veterans' facilities; provide for veterans.

Representative Joseph Graves, the bill sponsor, explained the bill to the committee members.  
Questions followed.

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, testified on the bill, and introduced Anne Zerbe, Legislative and Data Specialist in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, and James Colangelo, Chief Procurement Officer in the Procurement Division of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Ms. Zerbe and Mr. Colangelo testified on the legislation. Questions followed from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Timothy Poxson, Member of the Legislative Committee for the American Legion of Michigan;

Jack G. Devine, Legislative Director for the Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council;

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan and Presiding Officer of the Commanders Group of Michigan.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Albert moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:47 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee